

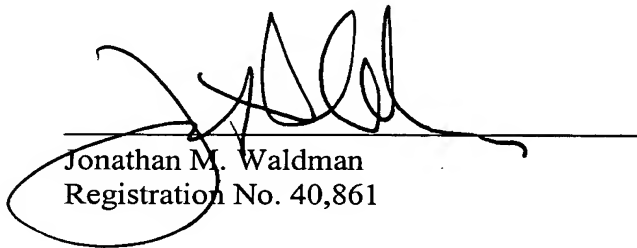
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REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121 requiring election of one of three different groups of claims. Applicants elect without traverse Examiner's Group I, consisting of claims 1-5, 18-21, 28-31 and 38, for prosecution in the present application. This election does not indicate agreement with the Examiner's conclusion that the claims of Groups I, II and III are distinct, each from the other. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims 6-17, 22-27, 32-37, and 39-42 as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

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